

EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
SOCIAL WORKERS SECTION
FEBRUARY 9, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT: Virginia Heinemann, Anita Kropf, Douglas Knight, Muriel Harper,
Cornelia Gordon-Hempe (excused - arrived 11:15)

LEGAL COUNSEL: John Schweitzer

STAFF PRESENT: Kimberly Nania, Karen Rude-Evans

GUEST: Marc Herstand, NASW

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Virginia Heinemann called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amendments: Presentation of proposed stipulation – Shirley Limberg
Report of the Screening Committee
A request to speak
Letter from Laura Brand-Ballard
Class I Hearing – Jeanne Duffy will not appear
Class I Hearing – Beverly Demilio

MOTION: Douglas Knight moved, seconded by Anita Kropf, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Anita Kropf moved, seconded by Douglas Knight, to approve the minutes of January 11, 2000 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS

Attorney Jack Zwieg, DOE, presented a Proposed Stipulation in the matter concerning Sandra M. Helpsmeet. An error was made in paragraph 2 on the original Order. The correction has been made and Ms. Helpsmeet has signed the Proposed Stipulation.

Attorney Jack Zwieg also presented a Proposed Stipulation in the matter concerning Shirley A. Limberg, CICSW.

REPORT OF PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES AND
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

This item was informational only.

REPORT OF SCREENING COMMITTEE

Virginia Heinemann reported the Screening Committee reviewed seven cases. Two cases were opened, three were not opened and more information was requested on two.

REVIEW AND UPDATE ON CE RULES

John Schweitzer distributed a Scope Statement of proposed rule changes. A change in SFC 20.02(13) would remove the words “providing psychotherapy”.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF CE REQUIREMENT

In response to a letter from Kimberly J. McGee Haugen, the Section agreed to have legal counsel draft a letter stating the CE requirement is waived unless Ms. Haugen plans to return to active practice. CE's must be made up prior to returning to practice.

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO PSYCHOTHERAPY ACTIVITIES AT WISCONSIN RESOURCE CENTER

The Section reaffirmed that the social workers are in violation of the statutes. Psychotherapy is not to be done by basic level social workers. This includes practicing psychotherapy as a co-facilitator.

SECRETARY CUMMINGS

Secretary Cummings stated that some of the Boards are having strategic planning sessions to identify stakeholders and develop goals. Of particular interest are goals relating to E-Commerce and the internet. Secretary Cummings stated that the Social Workers Section might want to consider doing the same.

The Section had some concerns regarding a practice act. Is there a reason for a practice act? What should the practice act contain? Will there be a diverse background of both professionals and educators for the advisory committee? Secretary Cummings would like to see one mental health license with certifications in the various professions. Geographic distribution and backgrounds should be considered when selecting committee members.

VITERBO COLLEGE REQUESTING APPROVAL OF SOWK 486 COURSE

MOTION: Douglas Knight moved, seconded by Muriel Harper, to approve the SOWK 486 course at Viterbo College. Motion carried unanimously.

SCOPE STATEMENT ON PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

John Schweitzer distributed a Scope Statement of proposed rules. These rules would provide definitions of “clinical social work concentration” and “supervised clinical field training.”

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Marc Herstand, NASW, stated he had received a copy of the Assembly Substitute Amendment to 1999 Assembly Bill 420. The Substitute Amendment is not yet on the legislative agenda.

SPEAKING REQUESTS

MOTION: Anita Kropf moved, seconded by Muriel Harper, to approve a speaking engagement for Douglas Knight in Eau Claire on May 6, 2000 regarding licensing and certification. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Douglas Knight moved, seconded by Anita Kropf, to approve a speaking engagement for Muriel Harper on March 14, 2000 regarding ethics and boundaries. Motion carried unanimously.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Anita Kropf moved, seconded by Virginia Heinemann, to recess to closed session pursuant to chapter 19.85(1)(a), (b), (f) and (g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of Class I hearings for Heidi Slabe and Beverly DeMilio, deliberating on Proposed Stipulations, reviewing case status reports, reviewing applications and consulting with legal counsel. Roll call vote: Cornelia Gordon-Hempe – yes, Virginia Heinemann – yes, Anita Kropf – yes, Douglas Knight – yes, Muriel Harper – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session recessed at 11:06 a.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Open session reconvened by consensus at 3:01 p.m.

VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED/DELIBERATED ON IN CLOSED SESSION

CLASS I HEARING – HEIDI SLABE

MOTION: Virginia Heinemann moved, seconded by Douglas Knight, to approve Heidi Slabe to take the ICSW examination. Motion carried unanimously.

CLASS I HEARING – BARBARA DEMILIO

MOTION: Douglas Knight moved, seconded by Anita Kropf, to approve Barbara DeMilio to take the ISCW examination. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED STIPULATIONS

SANDRA HELPSMEET

MOTION: Anita Kropf moved, seconded by Douglas Knight, to adopt the Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order and Stipulation with the editorial changes of “MFT Section” to “SW Section”, in the Matter Concerning Sandra Helpsmeet. Motion carried unanimously.

SHIRLEY LIMBERG

MOTION: Douglas Knight moved, seconded by Anita Kropf, to adopt the Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order and Stipulation in the Matter Concerning Shirley Limberg. Motion carried unanimously.

CASE STATUS REPORT

DALE MELSTROM

MOTION: Muriel Harper moved, seconded by Anita Kropf, to adopt the reprimand for Dale Melstrom with a permanent limitation on his certification that he not supervise any social workers or social work training certificate holders in their employment. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

MOTION: Douglas Knight moved, seconded by Anita Kropf, to approve social worker training certificate applications for Michelle L. Bradley, David D. Bray, Mary R. Burke, Bobbi J. Halvorsen, Marsha C. Lochner, Mindy Moore, Linda A. Oehmcke, Rebecca J. Ott, Molly A. Schrager, Erica Ullsvik and Richelle Zimmerman. Approval was denied for social worker training certificate applications for Scott LaCombe, Kara L. Leuning, Rebecca F. Mueller, Dawn Olson, Tammy M. Singer, Connie Smith, Bernard Trokan and Bernita Y. Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF CE QUESTIONS

If an audit of CE hours reveals hours that the Section does not accept, the decision is appealable. If a CE course is co-sponsored, at least one sponsor needs to be social work related. The Section suggests that individuals who attend CE courses keep both the certificate of attendance and the agenda from each course.

PROPOSED CONTINUING EDUCATION RULE CHANGES

MOTION: Douglas Knight moved, seconded by Virginia Heinemann, to approve the changes and send them to the clearinghouse. Motion carried unanimously.

EXAMINATION QUESTION

Kimberly Nania presented an email from an applicant who has applied for ISW reciprocal certification, but has passed the AASSWB Clinical Examination and not the Advanced

Examination. The Section reaffirmed that every applicant must pass the appropriate level examination in order to be certified.

LETTER FROM LAURA BRAND-BALLARD

The Section cannot adequately address Ms. Brand-Ballard's concerns without additional information. Supervision by a CICSW is acceptable.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Anita Kropf moved, seconded by Douglas Knight, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

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